

Hepburn And Fonda Are Hollywood's Best

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, the still-in-love couple in *On Golden Pond*, were named best actress and actor of 1981 at the 54th Academy Awards last night.

Chariots of Fire, the British-made saga of two runners who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic games, scored a surprise victory as best picture of the year. The picture, starring relative unknowns, also won awards for score, costuming and original script.

Warren Beatty, nominated in four categories for the heavily favored *Reds*, won only as best director. His film of American radicalism and the Russian Revolution also won for supporting actress Maureen Stapleton, who played the firebrand radical Emma Goldman, and for cinematography by Vittorio Storaro.

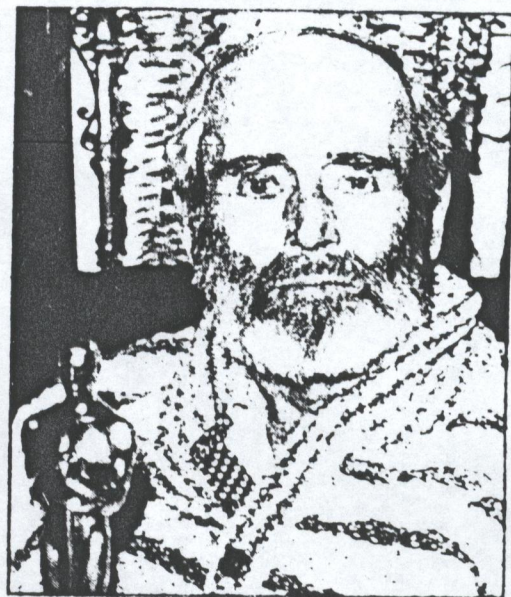
John Gielgud, the wisecracking gentleman's gentleman to a millionaire tippler in *Arthur*, took his first Oscar, as best supporting actor.

For Hepburn, 74, it was a record fourth Oscar as best actress. For Fonda, 76, it was the climax of a 48-year film career during which the Oscar eluded him except for an honorary award last year.

Too ill to attend the festivities, Fonda designated his daughter Jane to accept the award. She explained to the Los Angeles Music Center and a national television audience that her father first wanted his wife, Shirlee, to claim the Oscar, "but she wanted to be with him tonight as is her custom."

After the ceremony, Mrs. Fonda told reporters outside their Bel-Air

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Henry Fonda and his oscar for *On Golden Pond*.

New Hampshire Almost Academy Awards Star

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If an Oscar for Best State had been awarded last night, New Hampshire would have been a leading nominee. Gov. Hugh Gallen was in the audience to cheer for it, a movie filmed here was up for 10 awards, and Jane Fonda told a national TV audience what a wonderful place New Hampshire is.

Still, little disappointments showed that the state may not be ready for Hollywood yet.

New Hampshire's favorite son, *On Golden Pond*, won awards for best actor, actress and screenplay, but it wasn't chosen the best picture. Jane Fonda, who was also in the film and accepted the Best Actor award for her father, testified how much the actors enjoyed their summer on Squam Lake, though she couldn't remember the name of the lake.

The movie judged the best of the year not only was not made in New Hampshire, but has hardly been shown here. *Chariots of Fire*, the story of two runners in the 1924 Olympics, has played in Bedford, but not

Concord.

It is heading north with the spring, however, and will open April 9 at Merrimack Cinema on Loudon Road.

One person who went somewhere else to see the picture is Robert Pingree, the *Monitor's* film reviewer. Unfortunately, he misjudged how much the movie industry would like the film. He predicted it would receive many votes for being inspirational and morally uplifting, but not enough to win.

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The film is British, and Pingree thought patriotism might persuade the voters to choose an American product

Pingree predicted instead that the winner would be either *Reds* or *On Golden Pond*, which has been showing continuously in Concord since Feb. 12

Although Pingree was wrong about Hollywood's idea of the best film, he was right when he predicted the academy would choose Henry Fonda the best actor of the year. Pingree thought Diane Keaton would win the Best Actress award. It went to Katharine Hepburn

On Golden Pond had been nominated for 10 awards and won three. In addition to best actor and actress, it won the award for best screenplay. The movie was originally a play by Ernest Thompson

Gallen and Martha Leighton, head of the

state's Film and Television Bureau, were in the audience during the awards. The Associated Press wanted to take a picture of Gallen during the show but couldn't find a photographer who knew what he looked like

Afterwards Gallen said by telephone: "I thought it was a tremendous night for New Hampshire. We had the person who wrote the script win an award, we had Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn with the best actor and best actress awards, and then we had Jane Fonda accept the award for her father; and she mentioned how great the people were in New Hampshire, how warm and friendly they were, what a beautiful part of the country it is, and how they enjoyed their summer there on the lake where they filmed that movie."

The governor is in Hollywood to tell movie-makers about new Hampshire. He plans to stay there for several more days.

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